IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA RICHMOND DIVISION

In re: x

. Chapter 11 CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC., et al.,

. Case No 08-35653 (KRH)

Debtors. .

x Jointly Administered

## RESPONSE TO LIQUIDATING TRUST'S THIRTY-NINTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO LANDLORD CLAIMS (REDUCTION OF CERTAIN INVALID CLAIMS-MITIGATION)

Berkadia Commercial Mortgage, LLC, ("Berkadia") successor-in- interest to Capmark
Finance, Inc. on behalf of Bank of America National Association as Successor by Merger to
LaSalle Bank National Association fka LaSalle National (the "Claimholder"), by and through its
counsel Bryan Cave LLP, hereby files this Response to Liquidating Trust's Thirty-Ninth
Omnibus Objection To Landlord Claims (Reduction of Certain Invalid Claims-Mitigation) (the
"Objection"), and states as follows:

- 1. The Bankruptcy Trustee has objected to the proof of claim number 9734 (the "Claim") filed by Claimholder alleging that Claimholder has not meet its mitigation burden. The Objection offers no explanation for Debtors' basis for seeking a reduction of the Claim.
- 2. Rule 3001(f) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure provides that a "proof of claim executed and filed in accordance with these rules shall constitute prima facie evidence of the validity and amount of the claim. Fed. R. Bankr P. 3001(f).
- 3. After a creditor has timely and properly filed a proof of claim, the Debtor must produce substantial evidence to rebut this prima facie evidence. See in re Hemingway Transp.

  Inc. 993 F.2d 915, 925 (1st Cir. 1993) ("The interposition of an objection does not deprive the

proof of claim of presumptive validity unless the objection is supported by substantial

evidence"); In re Harford Sands, Inc. 372 F.3d 637,640-41 (4th Cir. 2004) (Creditor's filing of

proof of claim constitutes prima facie evidence of amount and validity of claim, and burden is on

debtor to object to claim and to introduce evidence to rebut its presumptive validity); In re Gran,

964 F.2d 882, 827 (8th Cir. 1992) ("The objection party must then produce evidence rebutting the

claimant or else the claimant will prevail.")

4. The Trustee bears the burden of proof for the disallowance of any portion of the

Claim. See In re Woodmere Investors Ltd. Partnership, 178 B.R. 346, 354 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y

1995).

5. The Trustee has asserted no evidence whatsoever, that Claimholder has failed to

mitigate its damages.

6. Based on information and belief, Claimholder has marketed and sold the property

that is the subject of the Claim, and therefore has mitigated its damages.

7. Because Trustee has produced no evidence whatsoever in support of the proposed

reduction, the Trustee has failed to meet its burden of proof.

WHEREFORE, Claimholder respectfully requests that the Court (a) overrule the

Objection as it relates to the Claim; (b) allow the Claim as provided in Claimholder's proof of

claim; and (c) grant Claimholder such other and further relief as this Court deems appropriate

under the circumstances.

Dated: June 24, 2011

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby states that on the  $2^{nd}$  day of July, 2012, a true and correct copy of the above foregoing instrument was sent to:

Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court United States Bankruptcy Court 701 East Broad Street-Room 4000 Richmond, VA 23219

/s/ Phillip J. Meitl\_\_\_\_\_